

MEMO

September 2, 2009

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Judy Kelly, Director  
San Francisco Estuary Project

Re: Authorization to Apply for US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Quality Grant

**Authorization to Apply for US Environmental Protection Agency Grant for CCMP Implementation Projects under the San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Improvement Funds**

**Executive Summary**

The US EPA, Region 9 has issued a Request for Proposals for \$5 million in funds available under the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund. ABAG/ SFEP seeks to apply for the funds to cover a number of projects to implement the CCMP (Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan) for the San Francisco Estuary. The ABAG/SFEP proposal will fund projects in Bay-wide geographical areas. Ten or more individual projects will be proposed for funding with implementing agency and nonprofit partners for wetland and riparian habitat restoration, stormwater management (green infrastructure and greenscape), and TMDL implementation.

**Recommended Action**

Authorization is requested for ABAG/SFEP to submit a proposal for \$ 5 million dollars in grant funding from US EPA's San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Improvement Funds, and, if awarded, to enter into an agreement with US EPA. The grant period is 2-4 years (with awards being announced October 2009) and matching funds provided by participating partners.

**Next Steps**

ABAG/SFEP will submit a proposal to US EPA by the deadline of September 23, 2009.

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